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 - c. ☐ plant varieties.
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 - e. ☐ essentially biological processes for the production of plants and animals, other than microbiological processes and the products of such processes.
 - f. ☒ schemes, rules or methods of doing business.
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 - h. ☒ schemes, rules or methods of playing games.
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The claims relate to subject-matter for which no search is required according to Rule 39 PCT, in particular the claims relate to rules of playing games and a method of doing business. Given that the claims are formulated in terms of such subject matter or merely specify commonplace features relating to its technological implementation, the search examiner could not establish any technical problem which might potentially have required an inventive step to overcome. Hence it was not possible to carry out a meaningful search into the state of the art (Art. 17(2)(a)(i) and (ii) PCT).

Claims 1-4 contain a unique technical feature, which is the database. A database is a commonplace technical feature. The provision of commonplace technical features for a non-technical purpose (in this particular case rules of playing games and method of doing business), does not confer to the scope of protection of the claims a sufficient technical character.

Claims 5-7 disclose also commonplace technical features for a non-technical purpose (in this case for implementing rules of playing games and a method of doing business). The combination of these commonplace technical features neither solves a technical problem nor provides a "surprising technical effect", it seems that the combination of these technical features is a mere aggregation of features.

Claims 8-14 disclose features relating either to rules of playing games or to a method of doing business and no further technical teaching is provided in claims 8-14.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.